Funds allocated for irrigation projects

3787. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared certain proposals to provide 100 per cent loan for irrigation projects in the States;

(b) if so, the amount of loan provided to the States for this purpose, State-wise; and

(c) the places in these States where irrigation projects are likely to be set up and criteria adopted by these State Governments in choosing such places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) 13 major/medium irrigation projects proposed by 5 States have been included under the Fast Track Programme of Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) and provided 100% Central Loan Assistance (CLA) to complete the projects in one year (two working seasons). The first instalment of Rs. 472.86 crores has been released in March, 2002. State-wise details are given below:

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	State	CLA released under Fast Track Programme during 2001-2002
1.	Andhra Pradesh	176.67
2.	Gujarat	94.00
3.	Madhya Pradesh	98.03
4.	Orissa	64.43
5.	Uttar Pradesh	39.73
	TOTAL:	472.86

Propogation of rain water harvesting

3788. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether second water convention was recently held in the capital depicting the attainment of water harvesting plan in the desert State of Rajasthan;

(b) whether rain water harvesting has enabled the villagers to draw water from handpumps in some districts and enabling them to grow two cash crops a year;